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WARRIORS FACE CRUCIAL TEST

Loyola Warriors, fresh off a close 4-3 victory over McGill Redmen in a Coupe de Québec encounter last Tuesday, face a crucial test this weekend when they host Laval University Rouge et Or Friday night and University of Waterloo Warriors Saturday night in back-to-back games.

Laval, currently tied for first with Ottawa and Montreal with 10 points, toil in the Eastern Division of the Ontario-Quebec Athletic Association. They will meet Loyola Friday night at 8:00 P.M. Laval boasts a big squad who relish the hitting game. Last year's encounter was won by Loyola 6-4.

Saturday night at 8:30 P.M. the Loyola side will face their stiffest test of the season when they take on the powerful University of Waterloo Warriors, currently ranked number 1 in the nation by the CIAU poll. The two games last year between the clubs were split, Waterloo winning the first at home 4-1, while Loyola took the second in Montreal 7-5, with Mike Lowe getting a hat trick.

The Waterloo team will be sporting a new coach in the person of Bob McKillop, one of the best all-round athletes ever produced by that school. McKillop currently has his team tied with the Toronto Varsity Blues for top laurels in the Western Division of the O-QAA, each with 15 points on 7-1-1 records.

The key player for Waterloo has to be Ken Laidlaw, fifth in league scoring last year. Laidlaw is a former OHA Junior star with St. Catharines Black Hawks in the early sixties during the heyday of Dennis Hull and Ken Hodge. He played for the Ottawa National "B" team two seasons back.

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Warriors were seriously hurt offensively when Ron Robinson, O-QAA scoring King last year with 38 points in 14 league games and a first team All-Star pick, bolted the team. Robinson left early this year to join Oakville Oaks of the Senior OHA, and this was a big loss. Defense appears to be a question mark with the Ontario team.

Loyola has not managed a good game since ~~xxxxxxxx~~ winning the Centennial Tournament, capturing their last two outings by narrow 1-goal margins. The team is going through a slump and they will have to break out of it fast if they hope to maintain their 20-game unbeaten streak.

Loyola is currently alone atop the Ottawa-St. Lawrence Athletic Association with a 9-0-1 record for 19 points. University of Sherbrooke follows in second with seven wins and a tie, and two games in hand.

Portsider Mike Lowe is still the team's leading scorer, although his pace has tailed off a bit from his torrid first half effort. He now has 39 goals and 30 assists for 69 points in 22 games. Captain Chris Hayes follows with 50 points.

Loyola Mentor Dave Draper was not too happy with his charges following the McGill game, but only had words of praise for goalie Rocky Martin, of Finch, Ontario, who saved the day for the Warriors late in the third period with a scintillating glove save. Also earning plaudits for his efforts was center John Hutton, a whirling dervish on blades who has finally started to hit the opposition.

The West Enders are currently ranked fourth nationally in the CIAU rankings, behind Waterloo, Alberta, and Toronto. The team will be at full strength for the two upcoming games. The first five places in the OSL scoring parade are all filled by Loyola men, with Lowe, Riley, Hayes, Carrière, and Thomassin all preceding Sir George's Jim Webster. Then come

Dave Draper's overall record in his 2½ seasons with the Warriors is now 67 wins, 13 losses, and 3 ties. Draper is a former St. Mike's and Michigan Tech star.

Following are the CIAU national rankings:

1 Waterloo Warriors

2 Alberta Golden Bears

3 Toronto Varsity Blues

4 Loyola Warriors

5 St. Mary's Huskies

6 Manitoba Bisons

7 Carleton Ravens

8 Laurentian Voyageurs

9 Sherbrooke Vert et Or

10 Calgary Dinosaurs

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- Scores to Date -

* Loyola	2	Acadia	3	Lost	Acadia Rink
* Loyola	1	St. Francis	3	Lost	Antigonish Arena
* Loyola	4	Toronto	7	Lost	Loyola Arena
Loyola	16	CMR	1	Won	Loyola Arena
Loyola	4	Sherbrooke	4	Tied	Palais des Sports
Loyola	5	Bishop's	2	Won	Bishop's Rink
* Loyola	10	Winnipeg	3	Won	Loyola Arena
Loyola	16	Quebec	0	Won	Three Rivers Arena
Loyola	5	Sir George	2	Won	Loyola Arena
** Loyola	8	Montreal	1	Won	Stade d'Hiver
Loyola	14	Macdonald	2	Won	Loyola Arena
** Loyola	5	McGill	0	Won	McGill Winter Stadium
Loyola	8	Laurentian	2	Won	Sudbury Arena
Loyola	12	Quebec	2	Won	Loyola Arena
Loyola	10	CMR	1	Won	Vanier Auditorium
* Loyola	9	Carleton	3	Won	Loyola Arena
+ Loyola	5	McMaster	2	Won	Loyola Arena
+ Loyola	7	Sir George	1	Won	Pointe Claire Arena
+ Loyola	10	Toronto	4	Won	The Forum
* Loyola	5	Carleton	3	Won	Civic Center
Loyola	5	RMC	2	Won	Loyola Arena
Loyola	4	RMC	3	Won	Constantine Arena
** Loyola	4	McGill	3	Won	Loyola Arena

Goals For - 177 (7.7 average per game)
Goals Against - 51 (2.2 average per game)

* Exhibition
** Coupe de Quebec
\+ Centennial Tournament

* Team Scoring - January 22, 1970

	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM
Mike Lowe	22	39	30	69	40
Chris Hayes	23	17	33	50	71
Ron Riley	22	21	22	43	42
Larry Carrière	21	7	27	34	36
Alain Tremblay	21	10	20	30	6
Danny McCann	22	11	19	30	64
John Hutton	23	11	18	29	27
Bill Doyle	23	4	21	25	50
Jack Surbey	23	9	14	23	19
Pat McCool	22	11	11	22	57
Sean McDonough	17	11	10	21	8
Mike Thomassin	23	7	14	21	24
Bruce Wickham	21	11	6	17	20
John Donnelly	23	3	13	16	47
Danny O'Connor	23	5	4	9	15
Ron Clarke	17	1	7	8	20
Jim Sunstrum	3	1	3	4	0
Rocky Martin	18 2/3	0	2	2	10
Ross Sherriffs	3	0	0	0	0
Steve Cooke	2	0	0	0	2
Steve Sanderson	2	0	0	0	2
Steve Lowe	2	0	0	0	0
Ricky Lowe	1	0	0	0	0
Pat St. Michael	1	0	0	0	0

* Includes Exhibition Games